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ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR HOLDING THEM BY WELDING

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These references were cited in the International Search Report dated October 17, 2003.  
No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the search report and cited art are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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